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This is Applicants' response to the Final Rejection mailed June 15, 2006, for which the three month statutory period for reply is set to expire on September 15, 2006. Reply is timely and no extension fee is due.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.